

June 20, 2001


The Honorable John D. Dingell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515


Dear Representative Dingell:

We are writing to thank you for your leadership in the fight for patients' rights. As you know, managed care reform is an issue of great import for American women. Recent studies have found that nearly three-quarters of insured women are enrolled in some form of managed care plan. By sponsoring the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001, you are helping to make it possible for American women and their families to receive the affordable, quality health care that they both need and deserve.

We strongly support the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act. Our nation's health care system has evolved very quickly. Many of these changes have the potential to improve our health. This bill will ensure that women and their families can take full advantage of the positive changes, without being subject to many of the problems that have arisen from managed care. Ultimately, this bill will allow us all to get better, safer and less expensive health care services. And that is the best prescription for making us a healthier nation.

Sincerely,


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Vice President


Sharon G. Levin
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